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COMMANDER'S CORNER



Arizona Wing Commander

Col. Ernest R. Bourgeois

How time flies when you are having fun. It must be fun as the last 90 days as your wing commander have gone by very fast. First of all, I want to wish everyone and their families to have a very Happy New Year and I thank you for your efforts and help to make the Arizona one of the best. I want to thank all of the wing staff for their dedication to keep the wheels turning. Special thanks to Mr Michael ET Holm, our CAP-USAF State Director for his diligence in keeping our efforts going in the right direction. In the last few months, the wing has a new Chief of Staff, Lt Col Art Bornstein, who brings experience and ideas to the job. NHQ has given us a full time Wing Administrator, and Lt Eileen Mueller has been hired for the corporate position. She is an employee of the corporation and supervised only by NHQ and the wing commander. The staff duties she has been doing will be removed except for those approved in her job description and by the wing commander. We also have a new member to the AZ Wing and to the wing staff. LtCol William "Bill" Lynch comes to the Wing experienced at many CAP and corporate levels. He has been assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff to help Lt Col Art Bornstein and is also assigned as the wing Director of Administration. The wing secretarial 20 hr/week position will be filled after the first of the year as an Administrative As-

sistant. The wing staff organization is being reviewed and may be restructured for today's needs. At the last Staff meeting I announced that Staff meetings in 2006 will be only on the last month of the calendar quarter and that Group Commanders will meet with the Wing Commander and Chief of Staff monthly. Group Commanders will meet with their assigned Squadron Commanders and I and the Chief of Staff will attend as many Group meetings as they can, but not less than once every calendar quarter. I feel this will provide better face-to-face communications with Group and Squadron Commanders. Squadron Commanders will still have their unit staff meetings and Group Commanders will attend their meetings as required. Each staff function will meet with the Wing Commander and Chief of Staff on a periodic one-on-one meeting to keep us better informed of staff functions. Communications, along with team work, is the "glue" that holds the wing together to function as a unit. Hopefully, these changes will improve the communications within the wing and keep everyone better informed. Recently I have been told by Maj Gen Pineda that the CAP and USAF have reached an agreement to reduce aircraft expense in 2006 and 2007 and to help that the corporate aircraft fleet will be reduced by 13 aircraft. SWR has been given the goal of 3 aircraft. Arizona Wing could lose one aircraft in the next 30 days, leaving us with 12 aircraft. Only two-thirds of our aircraft are flying almost 200 hr or more. Four aircraft have been flying 150 hr or less. That means if we don't fly them, we will lose them. Last FY we flew a little over 2400 hr. That spells 12 aircraft maximum, but NHQ looks at the 780 hours we submit by aircraft and they could decide to take any aircraft under 200hr/yr. or reduce our count by a few more aircraft. I hear complaints that costs are too high. But if every pilot flew 4 hr proficiency time/month and also flew 4 hours of funded flying, your costs drops by 50% to about \$40/hr. As ES qualified pilots the more funded flying, the cost goes down even further. During the coming year, remember – BE SAFE



OUR NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col Arthur B. Bornstein (Art) has been an active member of CAP since 1979 and has held many positions within the missions of CAP at Squadron, Group, Wing and Region levels. His primary interest is in Administration and Management and is for the second time the Arizona Wing Chief of Staff. Lt Col Bornstein has achieved the Gill Rob Wilson award as well as many other accomplishments and recognitions for his participation in learning and educating others. His philosophy is to take one step at a time and to make sure that step is taken.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

PROTOCOL and CHAIN OF COMMAND are perhaps two distinctions that make CAP some thing more than just an organization or business enterprise. Protocol is the guide to recognizing those who have gained and earned the respect of the members. The Chain of Command not only recognizes those that have earned a position of leadership and management, it also acts as a tool to maintain order, continuity and standardization. Together, Protocol and Chain of Command offer the guide to establish and continue a well run organization.

What really brings the CAP to the forefront, not only in our eyes, but in the eyes of the public that view us as a quasai military organization working missions for America and our local communities, is our members Commitment to be of service. Commitments by accepting positions of authority and carrying out the

appropriate duties. Commitments by accepting an assignment and following through to the best of our ability. Commitments to follow the rules, regulations and policies laid down by the leaders and management of the organization.

We follow the rules of Protocol, Chain of Command, Leadership and Followship, because when we train and practice to become proficient we learn how best to handle the tasks assigned to us. We in the Civil Air Patrol are very special people with respect for each other and the commitment to be of service to our communities as a volunteer, not seeking compensation or recognition, just some one doing what is needed when it is needed and doing it right

ART BORNSTEIN, Lt Col, CAP
Chief of Staff, Arizona Wing



Lt. Col. William "Bill" Lynch Deputy Chief of Staff

Lt. Col. Lynch was born and raised in Miami, Florida on January 23, 1968. He is a graduate of Cadet Officer School, 1986; Squadron Leadership School, 1988; Corporate Learning Course, 1998; Southeast Region Staff College, 1998, the Train The Trainer Course, 1999; the Train The Trainer Instructor Course, 1999; Unit Commanders Course, 2000, Unit Commanders Course Instructor, 2001, and the National Inspector General College, 2002.

Lt. Col. Lynch joined Civil Air Patrol in 1981. He went through the cadet pro-

gram, earning the grade of C/Lt. Col., and is a recipient of the Ira C. Eaker Award. In 1989, he became a senior member, and has held the positions of Administrations Officer, Senior Programs Officer, Aerospace Education Officer, Recruiting Officer, Testing Officer, Leadership Officer, Officer-In-Charge for Phase One Training Command School, Deputy Commander for Cadets, Deputy Commander for Seniors, Squadron Commander, Group Administrations Officer, Florida Wing Information Systems Manager, Florida Wing Director of Logistics, Group Commander for Group 7, and Deputy Inspector General for Florida Wing Headquarters. He currently serves as the Deputy Chief Of Staff for Arizona Wing and Team Leader for the assistant to the Advisor for the Commander, National Headquarters IT Working Group.

Lt. Col. Lynch's awards and decorations include the Exceptional Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, Commanders' Commendation Award with 2 bronze clasps, Lifesaving Award with Silver Star, Unit Citation Award with 2 silver and 2 bronze clasps, Paul Garber Award, Grover Loening Award, Leadership Award with 3 silver stars, Membership Award, Ira C. Eaker Award with silver star, Command Service Ribbon with Bronze Star, Red Service Award with 20 Year Service device, General Chuck Yeager Aerospace Education Award, Disaster Relief ribbon with the Valor distinction, Rescue "Find" Ribbon, Search and Rescue Ribbon, National Cadet Competition Ribbon, Encampment Ribbon with a bronze clasp, and the Senior Recruiting Ribbon. He has also been honored with such distinctions as Florida Wing Group 9 Staff Member of the Year (1991), Squadron Commander of the year for Florida Wing Group 9 (1991, 1993) Group 9 Staff Member of the Year (1993), Group Commander of the Year for Florida Wing (2000) and Group of the Year for Florida Wing (2000) as well.

In his personal life, Lt. Col. Lynch works for Electronic Data Systems as an Infrastructure Analyst in Phoenix, Arizona and is married to his lovely wife Maria and has a daughter named Sara as well.

NEW AIRCRAFT ARRIVES IN ARIZONA

Submitted by Col. John Varljen

Arizona Wing has received its first new aircraft in decades. Col John Varljen and Lt Col Art Rogers attended the Cessna C-182T transition/CFAI Instructor course, at the Independence Kansas factory, and after successful completion, returned home with the aircraft. The Technologically Advanced Aircraft (TAA), is a C-182T, is equipped with the new Garmin G-1000 glass panel along with satellite downloaded NEXRAD/METAR weather information, Mode "S" Traffic Information System(TIS) and Satellite Phone for Satellite Digital Imaging System(SDIS) downloads. The aircraft gives Arizona Wing additional SDIS capability along with computer based precision for upcoming special missions.

The new aircraft was assigned to Arizona because of the wing's excellent performance over the past few years. Every member of the Arizona Wing should have a great sense of accomplishment. B/Gen Rex Glasgow said, in his e-mail notifying us of the new aircraft assignment, **"Congratulations, your utilization rate and efforts have earned this new asset"**.



Pictures provided by Col. John Varljen

The picture above shows the G-1000 C-182T class at Cessna in Independence, Kansas. The gentleman in the back left is a doctor, G-1000 C-182 owner from Wichita, KS. Back right is Jerry Epstein from the Ohio Wing. Front left is Lt. Col. Art Rogers (Sq. 209), Col. John Varljen, and Mark Bailey from the National Capital Wing. (Mark and Jerry's CAP ranks were not available).



Col. Bourgeois happily welcomes Charlie Papa to the Arizona Wing aircraft fleet. It has an instrument panel that is awesome. Intense training and frequent use is required to remain current and proficient when flying this aircraft.

**WELCOME TO ARIZONA
CHARLIE PAPA!!!**

CHARLIE PAPA also made its debut at the SAREX held at Lake Havasu the middle of December.

Picture by Capt. Allan Pearlstein



Tips from your Assistant Wing Inspector General

By John Lindsey, Capt. AZWG/Asst.IG

How effective is your CAP Testing program procedures? Commanders should ask the following questions?

Is the Test Control Officer (TCO) appointed in writing?

Has the TCO appointed alternates by letter to support the Professional Development and cadet programs?

Is the CAPF 53"Signature Verification Card current?

Does the TCO know how to order tests?

Have tests been reproduced? If so are control numbers assigned on all booklets?

Are tests kept in a lockable metal cabinet or Test box?

Are only testing materials kept in the cabinet or Test box?

If a combination lock is used when was it changed last?

Are test inventories conducted at least every 90 days? Are inventories destroyed after 2 years?

Does the examinee have a current ID card and on the Unit Membership list?

Is the examinee prepared? Completed all assignments in their textbooks? What is the directive for "Test Administration and Security? For the these answers go to **"CAPR 50-4"**

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN



Another New Year...

Another challenge

By Morris Courtright, Lt. Col., Arizona Wing Chaplain

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. First observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon and lasted for eleven days. The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun.

Finally, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year.

While the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic Church condemned the festivities as paganism. However, as Christianity became widespread, the early church began having its own religious observances at the same time as many of the pagan celebrations. New Years is still observed as the Feast of Christ's Circumcision by some denominations.

The question for us to consider is what are we going to do with this new year? Last year the Arizona Wing became one of the best – if not the best – in the nation. Now, this year, are we going to sit on our laurels, bask in our glory and fade back into our old ways? Or, are we going to continue to improve our ability to excel and expand our efforts to include all three missions of Civil Air Patrol.

As a former engineer/teacher turned preacher, I turn my attention to our youth, who are actually our replacements. With the help of all senior members and continued growth in the Chaplain Service we can make our Cadet Program the best in the nation.

So that is my challenge to you! Let's all get behind the cadet program and make Arizona the best Cadet program in the nation.



SAFFORD—VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES

By Lt. Col. Mike Daly

Veterans Day, November 11, 2005 was a perfect autumn day as any person could ask for. The temperature was mild and the breeze added to the atmosphere and excitement as the sidewalks along Safford's Main Street were lined with people. Cadets from the Safford Composite Squadron were on hand to pass out flags and programs to those that had taken time out of a busy day to honor our nations veterans. The presence of Civil Air Patrol at the request of the City of Safford gave yet another opportunity for members of the Safford Squadron to tell the CAP story and for CAP Cadets to experience first hand, the purpose of this remembrance. Veterans were cheered and applauded, members of the audience dried

tears, as numerous accounts of ultimate sacrifices were heralded by those who lived these events. The tremendous depth and detail of those sacrifices gave new meaning to the cost of our freedom for all in attendance. Under the escort of Civil Air Patrol Cadets from the Safford unit, a symbolic mourning wreath, was placed on the monument at the Courthouse by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary while the volunteer Honor Guard fired a volley in honor of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Following the Veteran's Day Celebration, members of the Safford Composite Squadron loaded gear and equipment for a weekend at the Arizona Balloon Festival in Chandler, Arizona. These activities along with the previous activities at Glendale, Arizona made for an experience that will be long remembered by the Cadets of the Safford Composite Squadron. Even the Deputy Commander of Cadets, 1Lt Gail Daly, celebrated her birthday during the Chandler outing, topping it off with her very first ride in a balloon.

SAFFORD CITY COUNCIL is considering how it will help the Civil Air Patrol headed by Lt. Col. Michael Daly, acquire a headquarters in the Gila Valley.

Daly approached the council on Monday night, 10/24, asking for a parcel of land for lease for \$1 or for free at the Safford Regional Airport so the organization could establish its presence locally.

The Safford Squadron has grown to 14 cadets and 7 senior staff members since Daly took over leadership in 2004. Recently the Squadron lost its permanent meeting place during a windstorm.

Daly said that CAP can work with local emergency groups for search and rescue operations. It also trains its cadets for leadership, and this is help for the community.

The Board members continued to discuss ways to help the Safford Squadron. They also wanted some help from the nearby communities to pay for a lease should the Squadron get a permanent headquarters.

The issue is still pending as of this writing. But, if anyone can get this done, Lt. Col. Daly's persistence will see to it.

ARIZONA WING HERO

Lt. Col. Bohn Wanamaker is the "Finder Hero" of the Arizona Wing. He has accomplished 139 FINDS. Whether the FINDS were crashed aircraft, ground discoveries or ELT silencing. He is always ready, willing and able at any time of the day or night to be called out to search as a Ground Team member. Ask any of the Incident Commanders and they will tell you that if they call Bohn, they are assured of getting the job done.

Bohn said that he marches to a different drummer. Born during the depression, given up for adoption, on his own as a teenager, all made him a person who has a Christian belief that the world is there to conquer not begrudge. He grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, worked as a theater projectionist and worked for the Air Transport Command. He joined the Army at Fort Snelling and did his tour for his country.

In 1980, he and his wife, Clela, moved to Arizona as retirees. Bohn was not cut out for a sedentary life style. He worked for Del Webb, but pretty soon that was no longer his desire. Bohn was looking through the local newspaper and the words CIVIL AIR PATROL caught his eye. He had a pilot's license that hadn't been used in a long time, but decided to check into it.

Well, Bohn was on his way when he met with the then commander of the squadron based at Goodyear, Arizona. Bohn became a member of CAP in 1989. He accomplished all the requirements for Level 4, and still busy. He is Counterdrug Mission qualified, SET Skills Evaluator, Ground Team member and leader for OPS-Emergency Services, Mission Scanner and Observer, Mission Radio Operator, and Urban Direction Finding Team. All of the above proves his Master in Emergency Services and his receipt of the Paul E. Garber award. He is always willing to help at Cadet Encampments, and do anything to help out with Ground Team training.

Lt. Col. Bohn Wanamaker is a true Christian and model Citizen of our country



Bohn on the hunt



Picture by Capt. Ray Reeve

Bohn captures another one. Now he adds another notch in his "Find" record (#139).

We are all proud that he is a member of the Civil Air Patrol.



CIVIL AIR PATROL SUNDAY

Lt. Col. Bohn Wanamaker was proud to wear his Civil Air Patrol uniform to church on Civil Air Patrol Sunday, December 3rd.

The first week of December always commemorates Civil Air Patrol's participation

at the beginning of the war with Japan. It is always appreciated when CAP members honor this time by wearing their CAP uniform to church on that first Sunday in December. If you haven't done this in the past, please remember next year.

SAFETY FOR LIFE'S SAKE

Just a reminder from the November "The Sentinel." The holidays are here, traffic is heavy, and will be into the New Year.

Seatbelts Will Save Your Life A Nebraska Wing van was returning home from the Mississippi disaster relief when a tractor/trailer rig swerved to avoid a deer and struck the CAP van sending it into a ditch, where it struck a decayed tree. Fortunately, the senior member driving and the two cadet passengers were buckled-in and weren't injured, except for some minor cuts from broken glass. This is good example of how quickly a situation can deteriorate, even though you are doing everything right. Your only protection is to drive defensively all the time and the biggest favor you can do for yourself and yours passengers is to insist that everyone buckle-up and stay buckled-up for the entire trip. Even if you plan to rest in a supine or prone position, buckle up, because you can still be thrown from a car or van even if lying down.

WEAR YOUR SEATBELT AND LIVE!

SPORTY'S SAFETY QUIZ

For AOPA members: In the member's Section there is Sporty's Safety Quiz, which gives you a quick, easy and interactive way to continually assess and expand your flying knowledge from the privacy of your own personal computer. You can find the latest quiz at: <http://www.aopa.org/asf/asfquiz/quizzws.cfm?SA=Quizzes&QuizId=Feature>. The list of previous quizzes is extensive. Every time you take one of the safety quizzes, you'll have a chance to win a **Sporty's Air-Scan V Aviation Radio/Scanner**. There is a new quiz bi-weekly.



**SWR
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COMP**

2005 Arizona Wing Color and Drill Teams

By Cliff Owens
Maj./CAP

It's all over. And what a weekend. We had 7 color teams from all over the wing take a shot at the big prize. But only one team can walk with the top honors.. Unlike years past where one or two teams stepped out in front early, this year we had four teams step out there. The team that made it to the top was SQ 105. A very close second was Flight 109. SQ 304 was third and coming under everyone's radar. SQ. 109 was a very strong Fourth. These four teams ran very close throughout the entire weekend. It all came down to the written test and placement in the mile run.

This year also marked a first, we had two squadrons field two teams each. SQ 356 had teams A and B and Squadron 109 had their team and Flight 109. This was great. We also had a showing from one of our newer squadrons 210. These teams show promise.

Then we had a Drill team made up from no less than 7 squadrons. They wanted to be the team to represent the AZ Wing at the SWR Cadet Comp. I told them they needed to show me what they had before I could let them do that. And they did. The drill team did a great job.

This year we will once again have two fine teams representing this wing at the Southwest Region Cadet Comp. Best of all they will do it here in AZ. The region comp will be held at DM AFB, Tucson, AZ in April. Lets back

our new Wing Teams and lets make it an all AZ show at National one more time.

I also want to thank everyone that helped in this comp. LTC Ron Fett, Capt Doug Berry, C/Col Nate Franklin, C/1LT Michael Yadue, 1lt Jean Hurley, Tech Sgt Mike Barry USAFR, Davis Monthan Honor Guard, and the cadets and senior members from Sq 105. I could not have done this without all of you. THANK YOU.

To our winners Congrats, and to all of our cadets at this years comp I say OUTSTANDING.

CADETS TRAIN AT DAVIS MONTHAN AFB, TUCSON

Cadets from all over Arizona spent the weekend of November 12th at Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson. 28 Cadets attended BALC, and 16 Cadets attended NCOA. The interest and commitment by the cadets was apparent. Squadrons 105, 109, 302, 304, 802 participated in the BALC. Squadrons 310, 356, and Flight 109 participated in the NCOA.

C/Maj. Paul J. Sheehey, AFROTC (Cadet Lt. Col. CAP retired) was the guest speaker for one class. C/Lt Col James Hurley was the OIC for NCOA, and C/Lt Col. Hocker was the OIC BALC. C/Col. Nathan Franklin was the overall PCLD (Professional Cadet Leadership Development) Cadet Commander. PCLD is the name created for this series of leadership schools. By the end of their development, there will be one for each phase of the cadet program.

Above information provided by C/Col. Nathan Franklin.



NCOA Group



BALC Group

SHOW LOW COMP SQ. 210 JOINS IN SAFETY EXPO IN

SHOW LOW Information and pictures provided by Lt. Marty Jarvey



On November 5th, Cadets: Airman Moore, Baker, Richards, May, and Woolums enjoy visiting with the team of the Show Low Medical Airvac crew. They also assisted with the landing of the Airvac helicopter, and helped the Show Low Fire Department. They spent some time working with an ELT, and learning the importance of safety and how to be safe.

HARLEY'S AND HUMMERS FOR HUNGER RALLY

The "Harleys N Hummers For Hunger" Rally was a huge success. This event was spearheaded by House of Representative Jerry P. Weiers. Representative Weiers brought this event to the table only five weeks ago. The event had well over 100 participants. There were 119 prizes that were donated by various businesses throughout the valley that were raffled off to the participants. Representative Weiers was very pleased and proud of the cadets and seniors from squadrons 356 and 308 that assisted with various event duties. Once again we have shown our true professionalism and spirit of service to our community. I wish to personally like thank SM Crighton and cadets Specht, Halton M, Halton A, Jide, Craven, and Heisler from squadron 356 for a job well done. The cadets did an outstanding job. I would also like to acknowledge our cadets, Kaiser C/CC, Wolverton, Jewell, Watson, Dickson A, Dickson M, Cabico and Melvin and senior members from squadron 308. The senior members are 1Lt. Coulter, 2Lt. Caton, 1Lt. Gregor, SM Wolverton and of course we can't forget Lt. Col Fritz Seifritz. Where would we be without him. A special thanks goes to 2Lt. Jayne Abraham also from squadron 308. Jayne attended the planning meetings and coordinated all the duties with the event staff. 2Lt. Abraham did an outstanding job representing this squadron and CAP. Her professionalism and leadership skills are to be commended. YOU ALL CAN BE VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TODAY. YOU ARE A TRUE TESTAMENT TO WHAT THE CAP CAN DO FOR ITS COMMUNITY AND NATION.

JOHN W. KRUGER, Capt, CAP

THREE ORO VALLEY CADETS RECEIVE MITCHELL AWARDS

December 7th, at the Oro Valley City Hall, Cadets from squadron 109 opened the City Council meeting with the presentation of Colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



Mayor Paul Loomis proclaimed the first week of December as CAP Week, and presented the proclamation to Capt. Ryan Glass. Capt. Glass then gave a very informative explanation to the City Council about the missions which the Civil Air Patrol performs.



The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Mitchell Awards to three Squadron 109 Cadets:

C/2Lt Thomas Schlink, C/2Lt Erick McPhail, and C/Lt Taylor Hermanson. Mayor Paul Loomis made the Mitchell Award presentation to each of the Cadets.

CONGRATULATIONS

AFROTC SHADOW DAY A SUCCESS

By Capt. Rick Yank

On Nov 7, 2005, six CAP cadets participated in the U of Arizona AFROTC Shadow Day. Three of them came from the Phoenix metro area: C/CMSgt Justin Lennon (sq301), C/TSgt Lindsay Davis (Sq 301), and C/CMSgt Jonathan Yang (Sq 301). Three of the cadets were from Sq 105 in Tucson: C/CMSgt Christina Cassabaum, C/AB Chelsea Fowler, and C/SSgt Jake Holbrook.

The cadets started the day at 0630 hours. They observed the AFROTC cadets' weekly formation and inspection. Then the CAP cadets were paired with an AFROTC cadet, attended classes and went about doing other daily student activities on campus.

At midday, they met together at the ROTC building for a BBQ picnic and interactions with other AFROTC cadets.

In the afternoon, personnel from the the U of Arizona Residence Hall, and the Admissions Office presented a very informative talk on campus life, tips on scholarship application, U of A admission process, and Q&A session for the cadets. The day's activities lasted till 1500 hours for at least one CAP cadet.

CAP C/Col Nathan Franklin (who is also a second year AFROTC cadet, and if I am not mistaken, a 1Lt in AFROTC) was instrumental in making this Shadow Day available to CAP cadets.

AFROTC C/Capt Greg Barry (also a CAP C/Capt, previously from Sq 310) was the AFROTC liaison person that C/Col Franklin worked closely with in coordinating the event.

Special thanks to the Detachment Commander Col. Joseph Abbot, USAF, and the Commandant of Cadets, Capt Robert Koon, USAF, that provided the leadership in hosting the AFROTC

Shadow Day.

The CAP cadets were very appreciative that C/Col Christine Mahalik, ROTC Cadet Wing Commander spent some time chatting with them during the formation/inspection time. All the CAP cadets have had a great time, and a productive day, at the U. of A campus.



Picture was taken at the U of A activity center, where the AFROTC formation and inspection took place. Some AFROTC cadets in formation/inspection is visible in the background. From left: Davis, Cassabaum, Fowler, C/Col. Christine Mahalik AFROTC, Holbrook, Yang, and Lennon.

C/Col. Nathan L. Franklin thanked the cadets who participated and for taking the initiative to learn what AFROTC is like, and to Capt. Yang for attending and supporting the cadets in this activity, and AFROTC Det. 020 for allowing this participation. C/Capt. Greg Barry, AFROTC did an outstanding job planning and organizing the event.

Paradise Valley Squadron 310 by Alisha Peritore, 2Lt.

Scottsdale, AZ- Cadets and Senior members of the Paradise Valley squadron 310 gathered at Horizon High School on 28 November to listen to guest speaker Dr. Franak Hilloowala discuss misperceptions of the Middle East commonly perpetuated by the mainstream media.

To initiate the discussion on the Topic of Islam Dr. Hilloowala passed out a short five-minute quiz. The presentation itself lasted over a half hour touching on the diverse linguistic and religious identification of the Middle East and clarifying a common assumption that the religion of Islam condones hostility toward Christianity and Judaism.

She went on to further explain how the U.S. media has played a role in creating much of the negative misinformation regarding Middle Eastern culture by oversimplifying stories that involve complex international issues resulting in a failure to provide the detailed coverage needed for viewers/listeners to draw accurate conclusions.

Wrapping up her lecture, she encouraged the use of sources alternative from the media for self-education of international affairs, and stressed the importance of our school system to thoroughly educate students on Middle Eastern culture.

In 1991 Dr. Hilloowala, received her B.A. in International Studies from the University of West Virginia abroad involving her and later obtained a PH.D. in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona. In addition to her education she has traveled and studied self in projects, workshops, and lectures extending a long list of credentials in her area of expertise.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Two cadets from Squadron 310 received nominations to the AF Academy. C/2Lt. Zack Zimmerman from Sen. J.D. Hayworth and C/1st Lt. Eric Iczkowski from Sen. John McCain. These two outstanding cadets will begin the process of acceptance. If these cadets enter the academy in the fall, Sq. 310 will have a cadet in every class at the Academy next year. **1Lt. Lynn Hoza will keep us informed**



The 31st Annual Thunderbird Balloon & Air Classic Show a Rousing Success



Approximately 50 to 60 cadets and a large number of Senior Members from all over the valley and from as far as Safford and Prescott participated in the Show. Since this was a three day affair, a bivouac area was

set up at the south end of the Glendale Airport for the Cadets and Senior members staying overnight for all three days. We received high praise for the outstanding job our cadets performed. They not only assisted with the launching and retrieval of our CAP Balloon but for many of the other participating balloons. We were able to give 6 of them a ride in our balloon and many got free rides in other balloons for their assistance. They were also used for cleaning the areas, parking assistance, and also for securing and guarding the "Warbird aircraft" area. Our Color guard was also used to start each show day. Well behaved, disciplined, helpful respectful are only some adjectives used to describe our cadets. Also a big thanks goes to our Senior members who helped keep the cadets organized, fed, and duty rotation. A very large task that went as smoothly as could be expected. Also many thanks for all the help we had with raising, dismantling and manning the Aerospace Education Museum Exhibit. Bill Turner, Fritz Seifritz and I could never have been able to do it so effectively. I'm sorry I didn't get a copy of the roster so I could name every one who participated. It was obvious everyone not only worked hard but also thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Picture and article by

Pete Feltz, Lt. Col., Deputy DAE

BALLOON FESTIVAL IN CHANDLER/GLENDALE

Lt. Gail Daly celebrated her birthday by taking her very first balloon ride. It occurred Sunday, November 13, 2005 at Chandler, Arizona during the Arizona Balloon Festival. I am happy to report that she approved. Safford Cadets were a great help with the balloon. By Lt. Col. Daly



Cadets at Balloon Festival in Chandler/Glendale



Chandler/Glendale Balloon Festival — Continued

By Lt. Martin Maxwell

We conducted 3.5 hours of balloon glows between Friday and Saturday evenings. A lot of people came and asked questions of us, why we were in the uniforms and what that was all about so there were many opportunities throughout the weekend to talk to people about who and what CAP is. I think we may even have a few potential new members come out of it! At least for the east valley squadrons.

We flew two flights of 1.5 hours each Saturday and Sunday mornings. I was able to fly all 5 of the Safford cadets who came, plus one from 302, and Lt. Daly from Safford. Yesterday morning we landed on a street in a neighborhood with many other balloons landing in the same area. Local area residents came out to watch as we landed and packed up the balloons and asked questions. The CAP balloon carries a banner on its basket identifying it as Civil Air Patrol, so there was plenty of exposure there as well. The only way the exposure could have been any better is if we had a balloon that actually said Civil Air Patrol on it!

I would like to take a brief moment to publicly say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Lt. Col. Daly and Lt. Daly and their cadets of Squadron 103. They have driven to the Phoenix area TWICE in a two week period to help at balloon events, and spent a good amount on gas to do so! Lt. Daly got up very early during both events and cooked breakfast (Eggs, pancakes and sausage for ALL the crew and cadets!!) They worked hard all day crewing not only for the CAP balloon but also for the Reach for the Stars balloon which is a specially built wheelchair accessible balloon giving tether rides to people for over four hours this weekend! Lastly there was a wedding in that balloon as well! More exposure for CAP since the cadets were in uniform. If I could give an award to anyone from CAP for MOST DEDICATED CREW, this year it would have to go to the Daly's. I would have had a hard time doing what we did this weekend, and at Thunderbird, without their valuable assistance, especially since not one person from all of the squadrons in Phoenix came to help this weekend.

I am still hearing from other balloonists how wonderful the cadets were from two weeks ago! In speaking to the event organizers for the balloon yesterday, they thought we had 20 or 30 cadets there, and were shocked when I said we only had six! "But they were EVERYWHERE I looked!" was what one of them told me. Imagine what would have happened if we had actually had that many.

When not crewing on the balloons, we spent a lot of time doing trash detail. Not glamorous or a lot of fun, but a necessity that certainly made the organizers take notice of the job we do, no matter what that job is. And we moved a LOT of garbage, especially my son and I who were there long after the event closed.

Overall it was one of the best events in a long time. I know it will grow considerably next year as the FAA has given approval for more than double the number of balloons we had. The city is very happy with the event as well and wants it to continue to grow. I heard the Chandler Mayor had a great flight too!



Pictures by Capt. Allan Pearlstein, Cadet names not provided.

Going the Distance: The Technology and Leadership Composite Squadron 802

by Captain Allan Pearlstein, Group 3 Public Affairs

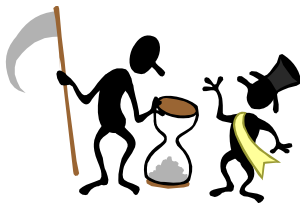
"My goal as the squadron commander is to implement CAP's innovative moral leadership and character development program for the cadets with the emphasis on accountability, discipline and the appropriate leadership skills that are required of tomorrow's leaders" (1 Lt. Ronn Walker, Commander, Squadron 802).

Squadron 802, based at the Gilbert Technology and Leadership Academy, is the most recent squadron to be incepted into Group 3. Commanded by 1 Lt. Ronn Walker, the squadron is a unique hybrid which blends CAP with the USAF Junior ROTC. The squadron which consists of 22 cadets and seven senior members, meets on Monday evenings from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Unlike most other CAP squadrons around the country, squadron 802 has reaped the benefits of the Gilbert TLA by utilizing military instructors and CAP members to instill a strong leadership, emergency services, and aerospace studies foundation in the cadets.

Commander Ronn Walker, a former firefighter with the US Coast Guard, and independent special education consultant with the Arizona Department of Education has strived to great lengths during the past two months to "establish a moral leadership and character development program for the purpose of teaching discipline and the appropriate leadership skills that it takes to complete the necessary leadership and aerospace modules", he told me. Having over 25 years of experience in education, Lt. Walker has seen his two sons mature and grow with the CAP program, which has instilled a desire in him to pass on the knowledge and benefits of CAP to other cadets. This past October, for example, the cadets attended a model rocketry encampment at Edwards AFB in California, in which the cadets built and launched rockets, and earned their model rocketry badges. In November, the cadets traveled to Tucson to attend the Basic Airmen Leadership Academy in which the cadets received leadership and drill instruction. On 3 December at Williams Gateway Airport, several cadets had the opportunity to go on cadet orientation flights.

In 2006, Lt. Walker has planned several activities and squadron field trips. Some of the activities include a trip see the Midway aircraft carrier based in San Diego, CA; a flight training school in which the cadets will receive orientation flight preparation, learn aircraft communications and flight dynamics; ground team training lead by 1 Lt Dallas Lane; drill team and color guard training lead by SM A.J. Levine; and a Memorial Day weekend encampment which will be held at Canyon Lake area, in which the cadets will learn search and rescue techniques, emergency services, leadership development, and do physical training.

Contributions to this story were made by 1 Lt. Ronn Walker.



It has been a great year for the Arizona Wing. There have been a lot of changes in commands, a lot of new people, a lot of new ideas, rules and regulations. But, what is more permanent than change. Probably nothing! The Civil Air Patrol has its missions and we must not forget them. The future of any Wing is its CADETS. After all, who will take over when the older ones retire. Kind of like the Old Year going out and the New Year coming in.

Though many of life's endeavors may change from year to year, we still have our ties in Civil Air Patrol.

Part of what makes the holiday season so special is the chance it brings to thank some very special people who have made my year as Public Affairs Officer so rewarding.

SO—— Happy New Year Everyone. Patricia Brower, Lt. Col., CAP (Pat)

SHCS 301 CADETS CLIDER ORIENTATION

SKY HARBOR CADETS were privileged to have glider orientation flights provided by the Arizona Glider Flight 400 on 10 December 05. It was a beautiful day for soaring over the Carefree Valley. Pictures and captions by 1Lt. Masangcay



C/Amn Auguste Smith observes as 1Lt Manoogian details parts of the glider.

Below: 1Lt. J. Brandon Masangcay, SHCS 301 Commander and trainer pilot Tyler Sepp give the “Thumbs Up” for the Lt’s first glider ride



Above: Cadets AB Devriendt, Amn Smith, and CMSgt Yang receive briefing on the outer fuselage of the glider.



Above: Cadets AB Allen Devriendt, CMSgt Yang, and CMSgt Saralyn Fischer watch as 1Lt. Manoogian explains the function of the stick.

WING MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS from AZ Wing Commander Col. Bourgeois



Top left: Maj. Keith Swapp receives a recognition plaque

Top Right: Maj. Charles Weaver receives his certificate for achieving the Grover Loening Award.

Lower Left: Lt. Col. Eggen was presented the Certificate of Proficiency from Wing Commander Ernest Bourgeois.

Lower Right: Lt. Col. David S. Culver, CAP, of Sun Lakes was honored for 50 years of Outstanding Service to the Civil Air Patrol. At the November 12th meeting of the Arizona Wing held at Deer Valley Airport, Lt. Col. Culver was presented with a plaque and a life time membership card.

